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Discovering what a soldier fights for

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Editor-in-Chief

"They hit the Pentagon," my girlfriend said, shaking me awake. That's where I was Sept. 11, 2001. I woke up, watched the second plane hit tower two, and went to class. Surely this was all just a horrible mix up with the airlines.

We heard in class that the likely cause of the crashes was terrorists. So I went home and packed. I hadn't been home from basic training but for two months. My unit, the 314th Press Camp Headquarters hadn't been called yet but they would, I knew it; call it a hunch.

Nearly three months went by, with no phone call. It was Thanksgiving Break and Jacksonville State had already begun to clear out. The four planes of that fateful September day had become a memory. Like always I was planning to spend the holidays with my family and my new nephew. But it wasn't to be.

"You are being called to active duty," a voice I recognized as a friend from the Army told me. "You are to report to the unit Saturday." It was the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

Within a week of being called to active duty, my stylish new brown leather boots were touching the sand in Kuwait and shortly after that Afghanistan. My job, which is journalist/public affairs, took me all over that country and surrounding areas. I met a lot of people and yes, some of them died. Some were friends and others were merely people that I had seen in the chow lines, but we all knew each other and we all knew when someone was gone.

So now we fast-forward. I was asked to attend the Society of Professional Journalist national convention in New York earlier in the summer. The dates had been set: Sept. 9-12. Great, I thought. I would

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UPD uses Click It

Agitated And Aggravated:

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Face
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Parking Problems



UPD uses Click It or Ticket system for safer campus



Photo Illustration by J. Wilson Guthrie

By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

Jacksonville State is already in its third week of fall classes, and it's time for students to buckle down and buckle up.

The University Police Department launched its annual "Click It or Ticket," campaign Friday, setting up seatbelt checkpoints throughout campus.

"If you are stopped at a checkpoint, be prepared to present your driver's license and your insurance card to the officer working the checkpoint," said Corporal Neil Fetner of the Jacksonville State University Police Department.

Since the campaign's September 10 kickoff, the UPD has issued over 30 tickets, said Fetner. "We're writing tickets for everything from not wearing



your seatbelt to driving with a suspended license," he added. "It's been a great success so far."

In past years, the UPD has

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By Elizabeth Thurman
The Chanticleer News Editor

Imagine for a moment that it's Monday morning. It's raining. You're heading to class at the Stone Center. You have ten minutes to find a parking space, grab your books, haul them up two flights of stairs and plop down in a desk.

You're stuck behind a line of nineteen cars vying for the last space left, a grassy knoll across the street, and the driver directly in front of you decides to roll down his window and chat leisurely with a walker-by. Somewhere between the line of cars, the rain, and the Chatty Chattertons in front of you, you decide to forego the parking situation and skip class all together.

Sound like a familiar scene? If so, do not fret. You are not alone.

You are merely one of thousands of JSU students frustrated by the apparent lack of parking on campus. Although the University has instated new parking areas throughout the campus, it doesn't seem to be enough. Did more people decide to live dangerously and attend class this year, or did Mama and Daddy get generous and buy their kids another car? Either way, the small task of finding a parking spot on campus is enough to make a Gamecock pull out his feathers.

Just ask Tyler Mardis, a sophomore marketing major who has classes in both the Stone Center and Merrill Hall. "I have an 11:00

class at Stone, and I have to leave my house in Jacksonville at 10:20 just to get there and find a park," he says. "It's ridiculous that I have to leave forty minutes early to make it to a class that's ten minutes down the road."

So what happens when it's time for class to start and you're still stuck in line with no end in sight? Do you give up the fight and head to the TMB to fight yet another crowd for a Chick-fil-A sandwich, or do you nudge your car onto a curb and saunter into class late?

For those who opt for an education, walking into class late can be a terrifying and humiliating experience. You walk in ten minutes after the teacher has begun lecturing and thirty unamused faces stare at you while you feel your own face begin to redden. If you're lucky, the teacher continues talking and graciously allows you to slip into place. You make a mental note to study harder for that teacher's next text.

If you're not so lucky, you get reamed for daring to enter late and then forbidden to sign the class roll.

Either way, it's now fifteen minutes into class and it takes another ten to muster the courage to look up from your notebook, lest you risk the possibility of receiving another tongue lashing by your professor or catching pitying looks from your parking-savvy classmates.

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SGA stresses need for crosswalk, promotes University funding

By Audrey Hykes
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA meeting on Monday night began with the subject of traffic court, which was the first of the school year. The next scheduled traffic court will be held October 4.

The meeting soon progressed to talk about the student body reports, which discuss student body issues.

One of the issues was a request for a crosswalk near the Stone Center and the Merrill Building. "Students say there's a really big mix-up there about who's supposed to stop and stuff. There's a lot of people that end up yelling at each other from the confusion of who's supposed to walk, stop and drive where," said SGA Vice President of Student Affairs Mardracus Russell.

Other requests included that "No Parking" signs should be put up along the far side of the Stone Center where the yellow curbs are, a need for more scattered trash cans around the campus for convenience, and more "One Way" traffic signs around the campus streets that cause confusion.

Also pointed out by STARS Committee Head Kim McCain were the 2004 voter registration drives at JSU. McCain called the first drive at the Cookout on the Quad "very successful." The next voter registration will be held Thursday, September 23 and Tuesday, October 5 in the TMB building.

In addition, the Student Teams Advocating Realistic Solutions are promoting Higher-Ed Day, which will be held March 3, 2005. According to the flyer handed out by McCain, Higher Education should be promoted because, "The Higher Education Partnership promotes much needed funding for our universities. Better funding will lead to: 1) Reduced strain on students caused by rising tuition costs, 2) Increased faculty salaries to keep our best professors in AL, and 3) More research and technological advancements resulting in economic development for our state."

Students are encouraged to attend Higher Ed Day, where they will rally on the front steps of the Alabama Statehouse to emphasize to the legislators the concern about the funding of higher education.

The SGA has also been working on beautifying a few basic aspects around the campus. Just recently, all fire hydrants were repainted red and white to enhance the school colors.

As for the events going on within the SGA, a new senator will be elected next week. There are four senator spots open; and three people are up for appointment.

Also, the Senator of the Month plaque is being recognized again this year. Every month the executive branch will elect a senator that has been working hard and seen on campus helping students and getting involved in the events going on around campus. The plaque will be placed on display in the trophy case in the Student Life office in the TMB.

SGA members are also scheduled to take their constitution code and parliamentary procedures test next week.

By the numbers: Gamecock Scoreboard:

Number of dimples in a common golfball:

336

Football:

At UT Chattanooga 5 p.m.

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typically begun "Click It or Ticket" over Memorial Day Weekend and enforced it only throughout that holiday. JSU students won't get that lucky this year. Instead, officers are carrying the former three-day campaign over through the entire semester. "The university police will be out in full force this year to ensure that everyone on campus stays safe," Fetner said of the UPD's decision to run "Click It or Ticket It" all semester.

Because of the busy schedules that so many college students keep, it's not uncommon for students to hurry off to class without grabbing their wallets or purses. Since checkpoint sites are chosen randomly by UPD officers, rushing to class or making that quick trip to the gas station could prove to be an unwise decision. Students are urged by the UPD to keep a current insurance card and valid driver's license in their vehicles with them at all times to avoid being written a ticket.

Driving without a license or failing to wear your seatbelt aren't the only violations the UPD are cracking down on this year. Beginning September 13, all students, faculty, and staff members who have already registered for parking decals became subject to being issued tickets for parking violations. Parking on a yellow curb, illegally parking in a handicapped zone, and failing to park in your specific color coded space are offenses that the UPD will enforce.

Students and faculty who have not yet registered for their parking decals have until September 17 to do so before the UPD begins handing out tickets for driving without a decal said Fetner. Students and staff were allowed this two-week grace period to have ample time to obtain a decal.

To register for parking decals, log onto to www.police.jsu.edu and complete the online application process. After applying, the decal will be delivered to campus mailboxes.

Gulf Coast braces itself for Hurricane Ivan

By Janet McConnaughey
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Storm-wary residents of low-lying coastal Louisiana stocked up on emergency supplies Monday and New Orleans' mayor asked anyone who could to leave as *Hurricane Ivan* moved slowly toward an unpredictable landfall along the Gulf Coast.

"It's my feeling that this storm will pass very close to New Orleans," Mayor Ray Nagin said.

Meteorologists said it probably would curve eastward, away from Louisiana, but that would take "perfect conditions," he said.

He did not order an evacuation, but said, "If you have the wherewithal to seek higher ground and move to a higher location, you should take that

tack today. Or tomorrow at the latest."

Those who couldn't leave immediately should board up windows, buy supplies and make all other preparations, Nagin said.

Gov. Kathleen Blanco, who was attending the Southern Governors' Association meeting in Virginia, was on her way back to Louisiana Monday night and issued an emergency declaration directing the National Guard to begin preparations should *Ivan* head for the state.

Theresa Vegas, manager of the Sand Dollar Motel on Grand Isle, south of New Orleans, said she would decide what to do in the morning, but expected to leave.

"All of my guests have left," she said. Most were workers on jobs around the island, she said. "Most of the fishing boats have

left the marina, or are in the process of leaving. It looks like people are starting to move."

Earlier in the day, she had said, "It's business as usual. The fish are biting, it's a gorgeous day. We just have this thing hanging over us."

Vegas' husband and other shrimpers started bringing their boats inland even before the Coast Guard sent out advisories warning that "The time to take action is now."

In St. Bernard Parish and marshy Plaquemines Parish, which straggles out into the Gulf of Mexico, school officials called off classes Tuesday. The University of New Orleans called off all classes from Tuesday through Thursday.

Even emergency preparedness officials could do no more than watch and wait, but they advised coastal residents to get their houses and boats ready for

a huge storm — and then be prepared to leave if necessary.

Terry Tullier, director of emergency preparedness for the city of New Orleans, pointed to the destruction from *Hurricane Betsy* in 1965 — a mid-level Category 3 storm that killed 110 people and left portions of the city under seven feet of water.

Ivan has shifted between the much-stronger categories of 4 and 5 on the *hurricane* scale.

Tullier warned that if evacuations begin, highways in the New Orleans area would become bumper-to-bumper quickly.

"There is no plan that exists that will keep this logjam from occurring," he said.

In low-lying suburban St. Bernard Parish, officials called for a voluntary evacuation of areas outside of *hurricane* pro-

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... nowhere to run, nowhere to park. From Parking Page 1

Mardis has had a similar experience. After allowing himself forty minutes to fight the traffic, he remembers one day that it just wasn't enough. "I walked in ten minutes late to one of my classes," he said, "and by that time, I was so ticked off after driving around all that time, that I probably

didn't hear a word my teacher said the rest of the class." A re JSU students suffering academically because of emotional stress brought on by lack of parking? It may sound preposterous, but there may be some truth to it. Plenty of students would rather skip a class than battle the masses only to face potential verbal berating and embarrassment.

The university has made efforts to alleviate the parking situation through measures such as the SGA backed "Walk to Class Wednesday," but a little less traffic one day a week doesn't seem to be enough. "Something's got to be done. People are going crazy," Mardis said.

Sure, it's perfectly common to hear com-

plaints about parking on any given college campus, and Jacksonville State is no exception. It's a double-edged sword in some cases. Take your chances parking illegally and getting a ticket, or just cut the class all together. Either way, you'll probably end up sitting in a line that has no end, directly behind the Good Samaritan who wants to stop and give every oncoming car the little go-ahead wave to pull in front of him in line.

The driver of that oncoming car is probably one of the chosen few who will be lucky enough to find a parking space.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alpha Xi Delta: We hope everyone has a great fall semester! Alpha Xi loves our wonderful new members! Sister of the week is Lindsey Spurlock and new member of the week in Audra Walker. Have a great week and go Gamecocks! **Contact: Jenny Wentworth, 435-5152.**

Financial Management Association (FMA): Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 23 at 10 a.m. in the Merrill Building. Flyers will be posted containing the designated room number. If you are interested in joining, please attend. **Contact: Kevin Stephen, 236-5795.**

JSU Ambassadors: We would like to say good luck to the football team as they play UT-Chattanooga this Saturday. Go Gamecocks! **Contact: Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.**

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JSU Peer Educators: Just a friendly reminder, please do not drink and drive! Have a great semester. **Contact: Brian Smith, 782-3475.**

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CAMPUS CRIME

Sept. 5 – Shannon Reon Smith, 23, was arrested for disorderly conduct in the Old Henry Farm parking lot.

Sept. 9 – Brandy Nicole Craig, 19, was arrested for minor in possession of alcohol on Forney Avenue.

Sept. 9 – Ashley Nicole Chambless, 19, was arrested for driving under the influence on Forney Avenue.

Sept. 9 – Randy Sherrill Barber, 44, was arrested for driving under the influence on Miller Street.

Sept. 9 – LeMarcus Rowell, 21, was cited for an open container.

Sept. 9 – Willie D. Griffin, 21, was cited for a noise violation.

Sept. 9 – Duane C. Tolbert, 18, was cited for a noise violation.

Sept. 12 – Brian Gerard Vincent, 19, was cited for a noise violation.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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9/11: Walking the streets of New York City three years later

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get to see New York for the very first time. Then it struck me. I would be seeing the Big Apple on the anniversary of the worst disaster to ever hit the city, maybe the country.

For many people this could be great; they could see the sacrifice those people made and it could put a face with the picture. For me it has drawn months of reflections and a question: who was I fighting for in that far away desert?

Everyone knows that we fight for freedom, the flag, mom's apple pie and everything American. But who were the people who were so savagely attacked that morning that changed my life?

THE TRIP

I landed in New York at around 10 a.m. Friday. The weather was beautiful, and the buildings I had heard so much about now towered above me. We crossed the bridge and I began to smell what is distinctly a city smell.

I walked around most of what is Upper Manhattan, north of central park Friday. I explored and took it all in. I found that New Yorkers are not all mean rugged-faced muggers who shoot you and take your money. Most of them are polite and not much different than me.

After a bite to eat Friday night I noticed something else. Everyone speaks a different language. I had heard very few people speaking English, save the hotel clerk, but when she turned away from me she began speaking in an Asian tongue. This really was a melting pot.

As the conference let out Saturday, I set out to do something

I really didn't want to do. I took a taxi to Greenwich Village and asked him directions to Ground Zero. He pointed politely down the street and in a thick Indian accent said, "Take this street all the way down." I nodded and set out.

After a snack, I started down Varick Street from the Village to where the towers fell. I passed Spring Street and can remember one reporter saying that was where he was standing when it all happened. More and more memories flooded my mind.

Then I passed 8 Hook and Ladder, a fire station not 5 minutes walk from Ground Zero. There were three men outside, presumably firemen talking and laughing about something. I nodded and they waved. Were they there?

I decided not to ask, equating that question to a question I always get: Did you shoot anybody?

So I continued. I could see a fence in the distance and wondered if that was it. As I approached the fence my questions were answered. As I came on the walkways surrounding the site, it was quite amazing. One small flower memorial covered about a 10 feet by 10 feet section of the ground.

You could peer down on it from a walkway that circled the entire site. I started on the north side, which I had just finished, viewing and took a couple of pictures. No emotion had hit yet, and I was proud of myself.

I walked down from the lookout points and began to walk around to the eastside. That is when I heard the names. Five people were taking turns, reading the names and eulogies of the ones who died that day out of a book. They had been doing it all day.

"He was living in the house his grandparents bought in 1905," they said of one man. "She had a dimple on her right cheek

when she smiled," they said of another woman. More and more pictures were shown of each person as they read aloud from the book.

I listened to about 10 or 15 names and after a few minutes they all blurred together. People were sitting around me, some had just camped out there to listen, others comforting people they were with. I was hiding behind a camera now, and I thought I was safe from the emotion.

Fifteen feet later I reached four large signs. "These are the heroes of 9-11-2001," it read. Then I just couldn't help it. I was trying to focus my camera and just couldn't as my eyes blurred.

People were shouting; others were talking. I just stood there for a moment. I continued down toward the south side and, shortly, I passed a white-haired man playing a flute. 'Amazing Grace' drifted off his fingers and breath, effortlessly. He was sitting behind an eerie, twisted-metal cross that had been formed as the towers fell and was erected as a memorial.

On one of the many makeshift memorials, I saw a woman and two men all dressed in black, all carrying flowers. She was sobbing and sat the flowers at one of the many makeshift memorials that had been created. And at that moment it hit me. These are the people that I fought for.

Continuing around to the south section I just took it all in now. I saw the No. 10 fire station, right across the street from the towers. Everything was quite amazing. All told I spent about three hours just walking around. And I will try to remember every face that I saw.

Hurricane Ivan: Gulf Coasters take measures to withstand the storm

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tection levees.

The Louisiana secretary of state's office continued preparations for Saturday's election, which includes a statewide referendum on a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban same-sex marriages.

Two years ago, when Hurricane Lili forced evacuations in about 10 coastal parishes, balloting in those areas was put off for a week. That could occur again if Ivan strikes, said Nancy Underwood, assistant director for elections.

"At this point, nothing like that has been decided or even looked at," Underwood said. "It's too soon. It could hit land anywhere. We're just waiting and watching."

which store employees were loading onto the big carts. Outside, trucks lined up to take over the loads.

Maria Bourgeois and her daughter Tracy Savoie said they weren't taking any chances, considering Ivan's unpredictable route.

"We'll get everything done today, take care of both houses, and leave," Bourgeois said. "We're getting out if we can find a hotel room."

David Rive, owner of a shop called Fabulous Pewterware, was buying plywood to cover windows at his home in Metairie and offices in Gretna and New Orleans.

"We'll just cover the windows and move everything up off the floors," he said.

Henrietta Harrison of Harvey bought a waterproof box for

especially worried.

"If we've got to leave, we've got to leave. Got to see what it's going to do first," she said.

Lynn Harrington of New Orleans was stocking up at a grocery store. "It's going to hit, isn't it?" she said, then answered herself: "Not if I get all stocked up. I'll spend the next month eating all this stuff."

Her cart was loaded with lots of water, bleach, duct tape and some canned chicken, tuna, and beans.

"My boyfriend says that if you have cigarettes, toilet paper and lots of booze, you can trade for everything you need," said Harrington.

Leigh Ligon was at the store with her husband Darryl and their children Benny, 3, and Ollie, 2. "Better be safe than

"At this point, nothing like that has been decided or even looked at," Underwood said. "It's too soon. It could hit land anywhere. We're just waiting and watching."

In the New Orleans area, which is largely below sea level and extremely vulnerable to hurricanes, many residents and business owners tried to prepare for the worst.

At the Home Depot in Gretna, people pushing hand trucks lined up behind a large but rapidly diminishing pile of plywood

we'll just cover the windows and move everything up off the floors," he said.

Henrietta Harrison of Harvey bought a waterproof box for documents, wet wipes, and lots of juice.

"I hope we don't have to evacuate," she said. "I'm going home to think on it."

She said two of her six children and their families still live in the New Orleans area. She said she was preparing but was not

Harrington.

Leigh Ligon was at the store with her husband Darryl and their children Benny, 3, and Ollie, 2. "Better be safe than sorry," she said.

"I'm going home to get my paperwork organized in case we do have to get out of here quickly."

U.S. not pushing as many students through high school

By Ben Feller
AP Education Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A growing number of nations are doing a better job than the United States in getting young people through high school and college, a study found.

Among adults ages 25 to 34, for example, the United States is 10th among other industrialized nations in the share of its population that has a high school degree. Eighty-seven percent of U.S. adults in that age group have at least a high school education.

Nations such as Korea, Norway, the Czech Republic and Japan have had faster growth in high school completion, and have passed the United States on the way up the rankings.

"As they close that competitive gap, they may close other competitive gaps that are a consequence of increased education," said Barry McGaw, director of education for the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The 30-nation group develops the yearly rankings as a means for industrialized nations to measure their education systems against those of their global peers.

Although titled "Education at a Glance," the yearly report has ballooned into a 450-page compilation.

In the study, the older the population, the better the United States fares. It remains first in high-school completion among adults age 55-64 and 45-54, and fifth among adults age 35-44.

High school participation rates have not declined for the United States, but they have increased much faster in other countries, McGaw said. Korea, for example, ranks 24th among adults ages 55 and older but first among more recent high school students, ages 25 to 34. "The one area you remain ahead is how much you spend," McGaw told U.S. reporters Monday. "They don't need to catch up with you on quality, because many of them are already ahead."

The report relies mostly on data from 2002 and 2001, although its achievement figures date to 2000. Organizers say those are the latest numbers available.

The United States has a higher share of its adult population ages 25 to 64 with at least a four-year college education — 38 percent — than any country other than Canada.

The United States also is second, this time behind Norway, in adults ages 25 to 34 who have gained such an education.

But in higher education, the United States is slipping, too, as other countries with traditionally lower college rates are

closing the gap, the report says.

"If we are less competitive educationally, we will soon become less competitive economically,"

Education Secretary Rod Paige said. "That's just a cruel fact."

The high school findings come as President Bush, in a tight re-election race, has promised more spending and testing in later grades to ensure a high school diploma has value.

His opponent, Democratic Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, has criticized Bush for failing to enforce the high school graduation provisions of his own education law.

Under the education overhaul of 2002, schools must show yearly progress for many historically disadvantaged groups, including minorities.

No other country in the economic coalition has committed to measure achievement that way, a method designed to ensure schools do more to help underperforming children.

McGaw said it would probably take a generation to see the enormous educational improvement envisioned by the U.S. government.

Paige disagreed, saying Bush's education law will lead to results over the next few years that will "significantly uplift our hopes."

Bush administration urges Congress to shift billions for Iraqi security and economy

By Alan Farm
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration wants Congress' permission to shift nearly \$3.5 billion of the \$18.4 billion in Iraqi reconstruction aid to security and faster economic growth, documents submitted to lawmakers show.

The request, which the administration was expected to formally announce Tuesday, underlines how initial plans for rebuilding the country have had to be reshaped to cope with a violent insurrection that has show little sign of abating.

The U.S. role in reshaping Iraq is an issue in the presidential campaign, with Democratic candidate John Kerry criticizing President Bush for having inadequate postwar plans for the country. Bush has defended the invasion but has acknowledged that the administration miscalculated how difficult the aftermath might be.

Last April, American officials said the violence was forcing private contractors to spend up to one-quarter of their funds to provide security for their projects and workers. That was far

above initial estimates that such spending would consume 10 percent of the money.

Overall, the administration wants permission to shift \$3.46 billion of the \$18.4 billion that Congress provided last fall for Iraqi reconstruction. Because of constraints lawmakers imposed when they originally approved the funds, the White House could shift only \$800 million of the funds without Congress' approval, the documents said.

The rebuilding money was part of an \$87 billion package for U.S. operations in Iraq and Afghanistan that Congress approved and Bush signed last Nov. 6.

In further evidence of how slow progress has been, the administration's latest report to Congress said only \$930 million of the \$18.4 billion for Iraqi reconstruction had been spent as of Aug. 28.

The biggest shifts the administration is proposing would take nearly \$2 billion from the \$4.2 billion originally provided for water projects, and \$1.1 billion from the \$5.5 billion approved for the country's electric system.

Progress in both areas has been slow.

Instead, security and law enforcement spending would grow by \$1.8 billion, to \$5 billion.

Included in the extra funds is money to hire, train and equip 45,000 new police officers; add 20 battalions to the Iraqi National Guard; and improve Iraqi border protection, Iraqi Army special operations and protection of dignitaries.

Of the \$1.7 billion for restoring Iraq's oil industry, \$450 million would be shifted to projects for spurring increased petroleum output next year, including expanded production at Kirkuk.

About \$4 billion in debt Iraq owes the United States would be forgiven, at a budget cost to the United States of \$360 million.

Other proposed expenditures include \$286 million to quickly provide jobs for Iraqis; an extra \$100 million to develop Iraq's agriculture; another \$100 million to help train local government officials; and \$60 million for administering and monitoring national elections scheduled for January.

OPINION

IN YOUR
VIEW:
QUESTION
OF THE
WEEK

**"How do you feel
about America's safety
since 9/11?"**

— Compiled by
Patrick McCreless
Managing Editor



Michael Gay
Secondary edu. History
Sophomore

*"We're safer on a national level,
but if terrorists wanted to do
something on a smaller scale,
there's nothing we could do."*



Janeka Phillips
Business Management
Junior

Sick of parking problems

Students need to get out, walk to class, and get some exercise and leave those cars at Mom and Dads ...

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer Managing Editor

Well, since this is my first editorial, (and depending on how well I do, quite possibly my last) I have decided to go ahead and get something off of my chest that has been plaguing me ever since I arrived at this campus all those years ago. And that something is JSU's lack of parking, or rather, people's belief that there is a lack of parking.

But before I go into that, let me just say that I am not one of those people who complain and criticize just because I can. Sure I may enjoy it, but that's neither here nor there. The truth of the matter is that since this situation has been a problem for so long, I feel it is my duty to say something in the hopes that things may change for the better. So, at least I'm doing this for a good cause.

Being a senior, I have heard about or discussed many a topic at this university. However, out of all those topics, none seem to be brought up with as much frequency as the amount of parking we have at JSU. Sometimes it seems that you can't go anywhere on this campus without hearing someone griping that they had a hard time finding a parking space for this building or that. In fact, I bet that you or someone you know probably talked about this subject today.

a park or that there was too much traffic while getting to where they needed to park. I'm just...I just can't take it anymore. Do you want to know why this angers me so much, why it gets under my skin? It's because there is no parking problem at JSU.

That's right, I said it. JSU does not have any real serious parking problem. But how can he say such nonsense, you wonder? Doesn't he see the traffic every day or those poor souls desperately searching for a space at Stone Center?

Well, to answer those questions: yes I do see these things and yet I tell you now that there are more than enough parking spaces to accommodate the entire student body.

What most students here fail to realize is that it's not that we have to few spaces, it's that everyone wants to be parked as close to their destination as possible. No

living on campus. Frankly, no student living in a dorm should drive to class ever, unless they have some disability or injury that prevents them from walking.

This campus is small enough so that anyone can walk anywhere in a very short amount of time. As for those of you who live off campus like myself, just because you have to drive to get to the university doesn't mean you have to drive to every class. Instead what you should do is either: drive to your first class and then walk to the rest or park behind the library or at a dorm where there will be plenty of spaces, and then walk from there.

I did try driving to class a few times, and every time I did I found that walking was much faster. So, walking is a great time saver, even more so if you walk while it's raining. All you need to do is get a cheap umbrella and you are good to go. Trust me, you'll enjoy walking in

the rain much more than driving in it, where the traffic is twice as bad and where there are greater chances of getting in wrecks, (which happens all too often around here).

Besides the time factor, walking can also be very relaxing. Hey, it's always good to have something to calm your nerves before you have to take a test that you didn't study for because you went to a keg party the night before. Also, not driving to class means you save on gas. It may not seem like a lot, but driving to class every day can really add up in the long run.

Oh, and let's not forget that, dare I say it, walking is actually good for you. With America's ever-growing obesity problem, most of us could stand to lose a



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Janeke Phillips
Business Management
Junior

"We're not much safer, but it has heightened our sense of awareness of terrorism."



Darren Mitchell
Communications
Senior

"I think it's the same. All they did was add color codes to it."



Bruno Duru
Biology
Sophomore

"It's safer because America has become more aware of possible threats."

you or someone you know probably talked about this subject today.

And you know what...I'm sick of it.

I have had it up to my neck with people complaining that they were late to class because they can never find

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one seems to want to walk any sort of distance to get to class. But that is precisely what many students need to do. Walking to class must be encouraged.

And that goes for students living off as well as those

ever-growing obesity problem, most of us could stand to lose a few pounds. And although you

won't get the kind of workout you need to lose a lot of weight, anything is better than nothing.

So please people, do yourselves, JSU and my sanity a favor and give the cars a rest.

Folks above Mason-Dixon are no different than those below

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Editor in Chief



As I said earlier in my article about Sept. 11, I was in New York this weekend and learned a lot about different people and cultures. I had never really been too far above the Mason-Dixon line, so EVERYTHING that I saw was different.

It didn't really even seem that too many folks spoke English either, not as a first language anyway. Everyone did however speak at least Spanish and or Italian. I heard another 7 to 10 different languages and probably every language under the sun mixed in with English. It was interesting to say the least.

Another huge misconception that I had before going was that everyone would be impolite and I would be deprived of sweet tea for the duration of my trip. Believe it or not I got sweet tea at a little Mexican restaurant in Greenwich Village while I had the best fajitas I had ever tasted.

I also thought that I was going to get mugged and have all my money stolen. That however, didn't happen though. The police presence in New York was astounding. There was literally a policeman at every corner and a few walking the streets. Time Square was covered in

policemen who, unless you were trying to do something that was really dangerous, they left you alone. And they were helpful and very nice to lost guys from Alabama...

Anyway, I was told that I had to eat a slice of New York pizza and that I had to try a hot dog from Time Square, so I did both, both which I highly recommend. Especially the hot dog. I never knew that you could cook a hotdog differently than any other hot dog but you can. And the sour kraut was heated. It was amazing.

The pizza was completely different than any I had ever had. First off, not too many of them had meats on them. I had a spinach, tomato and cheese slice from a small restaurant in Queens. You couldn't get anything except thin crust and it was stone-oven cooked and yes it makes a difference.

Around Saturday afternoon I began to notice that it wasn't too much different than Alabama, save the traffic and the number of people. These people really do know how to drive in traffic. There was a 3 lane street that had five cars squeezed in between the curbs. It was awesome.

So I did have fun there, I got to see a lot of things that I wanted to see and some that, honestly I could have gone the rest of my life without seeing i.e. Ground Zero. I was introduced to a new world, one that I had not been around and I liked it. I liked it a lot.

Stupid things people do, that we find amusing

CHESTER, Ill. (AP) —Oh, Popeye! The sailor man is looking buff for a guy of 75.

Fans of the spinach-eating comic hero will celebrate his 75th birthday with a picnic this weekend in the Mississippi River hometown of his creator.

It's the 25th year of the picnic and organizers have said as many as 30,000 people once attended the event in Elzie Segar's hometown. But those numbers have dwindled to just a few thousand in recent years.

Picnic organizers say they hope those numbers will rebound this year.

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man who swung an alligator at his girlfriend during an argument was sentenced to six months in jail.

David Havenner, 41, pleaded no contest to misdemeanor charges of battery and possession of an alligator, said Linda Pruitt, spokeswoman for the State Attorney's Office. He changed his earlier plea of not guilty, she said Wednesday. He was sentenced to six month in jail with 48 days credit for time served during the Sept. 1 hearing, according to court records.

AUSTIN (AP) —You may not be able to fight city hall, but you can steal from it - at least for awhile.

John David Woods has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for stealing more than \$100,000 from 24 city halls across Texas to pay off Internet gambling debts.

Prosecutors said Woods, 34, had developed a system during the three-year string of thefts: He would rent a car, drive to another town, sneak into the city hall and take all the money he could find.

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FEATURES

Brother's

get's a new gal

story and photos by erin chupp

Brother's Bar may not look any different as one drives past on the way to Wal-Mart. The white, Old English-style sign is still nailed to the wooden side of the building. Don't be fooled, though — the Jacksonville bar is going through some major changes.

The catalyst for many step by step changes occurring in the bar is a blonde-haired, 22-year-old girl from Weaver now carrying the title of General Manager. Crystal Johnson, a sociology student at JSU, had a strong desire to own a business, preferably a bar. She worked with JSU's Small Business Association, receiving free counseling and start-up advice.

Crystal said she had her mind set on her goal, worked really hard and wrote a seven-page business plan. She also found out prospering in the real world has a lot to do with networking. She had never met Dan Nolan, owner of Brother's, or intended to purchase the bar from him.

"Things weren't being taken care of like he wanted it to be taken care of, so he let everybody go, cleaned house; got rid of everybody before he even

Birmingham and Smith's Olde Bar in Atlanta. He is still the man to see about booking a band at Brother's or his other big city spots.

Knowing that she must have shown good qualities to get this job, Crystal wants to do her best. She remembers Dan handing her the keys and saying, "Go get it."

"I'm definitely going to give 110 percent, probably more than a manager that's already managed a place would if he were in this same situation, because I know I've been given a chance that not many 22-year-olds get," Crystal said. "If I told him I could do this I'm not going to stand here and not have this place perfect."

Small steps are being taken towards reaching her ideas of perfection. Since the inside of the bar is dark, even while drinking dollar PBR's at three o'clock in the afternoon, it might be difficult to notice the changes being made, but they are there.

While cleaning, it became apparent to Crystal that the building hadn't seen a bottle of cleaner or a scrub brush in quite

ing to the public.

Other additions include a newly re-carpeted stage and sound booth and painted murals, which jump off the black walls. Every day new things are being done to give the place character and hopefully boost attendance.

While the bar is in her hands, Crystal plans to purchase new bar stools for the tables, stain the deck outside and save funds for other additions. "First you have to pay the bills off and then you can do some major repairs," she said. "I had to get this place out of a hole. I had to dig it out of a financial hole. I came in here to a stack of bills and a stack of taxes not paid."

This task has proven a little tougher because of her gender and young age. "It's rough," Crystal said. "I knew it was going to be a struggle being a female, but I didn't think I would notice it as much as I do."

"People are always trying to test me," Crystal said. Customers make sexual comments or get aggravated when she has to ask them to leave at 2 a.m., but she has no problem

Prisoner
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By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



I was faced with a tough decision: should I grab the scissors from my desk or should I reach for the sharp knife in the kitchen? All I wanted to do was open an mp3 player, and yet it seemed an impossible task.

What is now coined "wrap rage" only leads to warping scissors and putting you in a hazardous situation with a knife. A protective form-fitting coating of plastic manufacturers put on their products only protects the item within from the consumer.

In order to open the player, which I bought to ease my life and make exercising a bit more enjoyable, stressing commenced. First of all, I quickly realized there should be a 10-step program to teach someone how to go about opening products wrapped in hard plastic and sealed on all sides — the first step reading: Wear long, thick pants.

By the end of my 20-minute struggle, I glanced down to see that my legs had that 'you've just pissed off the cat' look. Not to mention there were a few close calls when the force I had to put behind the scissors, my weapon of choice, shot dangerously close to



care of like he wanted it to be taken care of, so he let everybody go, cleaned house; got rid of everybody before he even met me," Crystal said. It was a real-estate agent that matched her need to lease, and not buy, a property with Dan's need for someone to manage his bar. Dan also owns The Nick in

While cleaning, it became apparent to Crystal that the building hadn't seen a bottle of cleaner or a scrub brush in quite some time. "I've never used so much Clorox in my life," she said. "The first day we used ten gallons!" She and Dan's brother worked about 12 hours a day for a week straight before open-

Customers make sexual comments or get aggravated when she has to ask them to leave at 2 a.m., but she has no problem confronting these issues.

"It always could be better and it always could be worse," she said, "but I've turned [Brother's] around in two months."



Brother's new General Manager Crystal Johnson sits atop a newly re-carpeted stage and in front of one of two new murals with her manager Carlos Gonzalas.

Swingin' in J'ville

American tradition lives on at JSU

By Bryan Sintos
The Chanticleer Features Writer

When people mention JSU's music department, the Marching Southerners are usually the first group that comes to mind. Actually, the music department is very large and there are many different bands, choirs and ensembles constantly working hard to maintain excellence and gain more interest.

The JSU Jazz department is doing a lot this year to get more recognition. One of the new additions to the program is a certificate in Jazz studies. Available to all majors, the certificate allows students to broaden their college experience by offering an in depth study of Jazz music, musicians, theory and history.

Dr. Cameron 'Chip' Crotts, professor of Jazz studies, is beginning his third year at JSU. Before his teaching career began, Dr. Crotts spent time performing with the Disney company in California, Florida and Paris. He has also toured with groups like The Temptations, The Supremes, Ray Charles and Maynard Ferguson.

Crotts' desire to spread awareness about the jazz program at JSU led him to think of some ideas to make it happen. He has plans to invite other professional musicians to come and do clinics or demos with his jazz students. Also, Crotts hopes to begin a weekly "Jazz Night" to occur in a building on campus, like the TMB. An activity like this would give students another option for entertainment in the booming town of Jacksonville.

JSU's Jazz department has always had a reputation for producing great players. Some new goals

for this year are to expand and better students as musicians and to gain more interest in the program.

Dr. Crotts believes jazz is one of the few art forms that Americans can call their own. This genre of music was created in the U.S. and used to be one of the most common forms of music in the 1920s and 30s. Crotts and his bands would like to get a new, fresh generation of people interested in jazz by introducing this expression of music to students at JSU.

"It used to be so popular to listen to Jazz,"

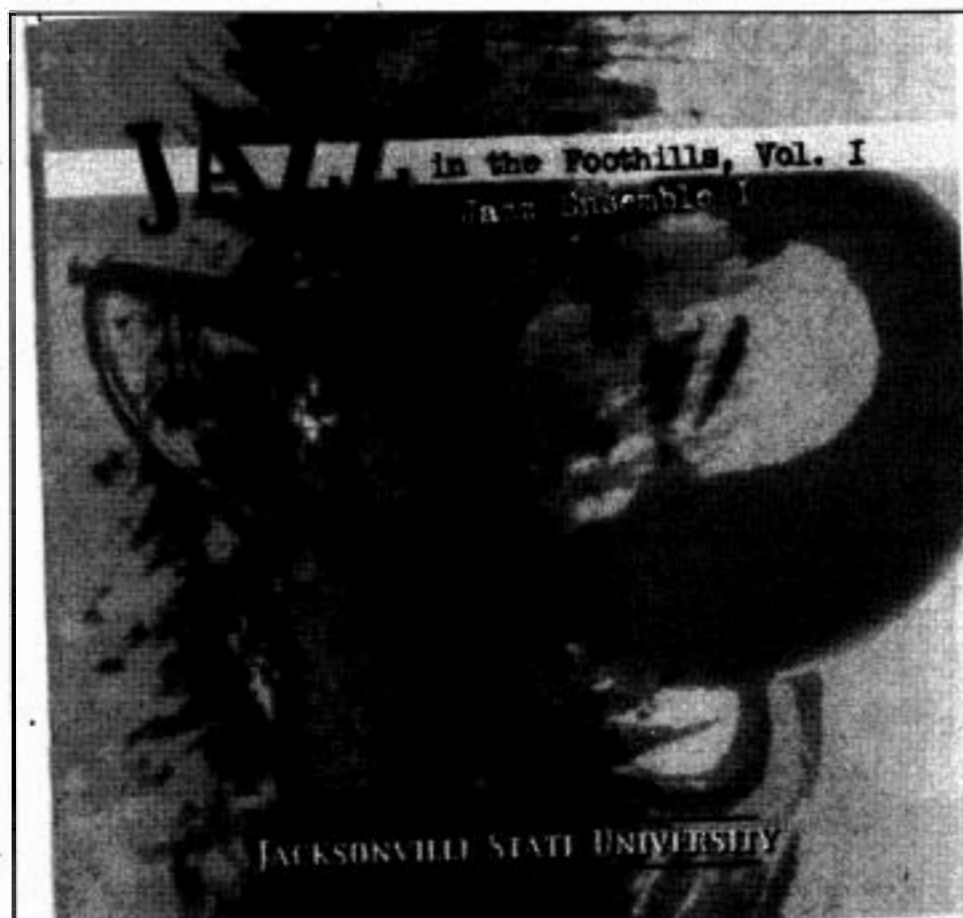
said Crotts. Crotts has enjoyed being able to share experiences and opportunities Jazz has given him. He hopes that by getting students involved with the program, they will better their own lives and want to share the art of jazz with others.

JSU's Jazz department is made up of three big bands and two combos, all compiled of not only music majors, but others as well. With so many ensembles, Dr. Crotts and Mace Hibbard, assistant director of Jazz studies, are able to work with students of all skill levels.

The bands perform many times throughout the year. Jazz 1, the department's top performing group, will be releasing its new CD Jazz in the Foothills vol. 1 on October 5. This is also the date for Jazz 1's first concert of the year, and the CDs will be available for sale at the

Courtesy of Dr. Chip Crotts show.

The new CD features some great classic charts, such as Cole Porter's "Love For Sale," "Time Check" by Don Menza, and "Have You Met Mrs. Jones" by Rodgers and Hart. The album will also showcase a big band arrangement of "Stars Fell on Alabama," a university favorite. For someone who is not too familiar with this form of music, Jazz in the Foothills would be an excellent start to a jazz collection or a great addition to an already swingin' set.



were a few close calls when the force I had to put behind the scissors, my weapon of choice, shot dangerously close to unprotected skin.

Although the United States doesn't bother with the count, Great Britain acknowledges the problem and let's me know I'm not alone. CBS reported that in one year, 67,000 Brits obtained injuries due to fighting plastic packaging, ranging from cut fingers to sprained wrists.

What I don't understand is how we're expected to open our purchases when packaging companies go to great lengths to trap items in plastic shells. Tom Sipek, tooling manager for Phoenix, Arizona's Flexpak Corp. explains why manufacturers laugh at our attempts to unwrap purchased products:

"Thermal forming is when you take a thin piece of plastic, the majority of which is PVC, heat it, place it over a cold mold, and then pull a vacuum on it to cause it to take on the shape of the mold," Sipek said. "The plastic is fed from large rolls through what amounts to a broiler. Depending on the kind of material, the plastic is heated between 180° and 300° F. Once it reaches temperature, within about five seconds it is shaped, cooled, and then die cut and boxed for shipment."

Nowhere in the description does he mention an easy pull-tab for opening; this is apparently only good enough for gum now. There are articles that mention a reason for the super sealing is because this makes it more difficult to open in the store and shoplift. However, if I had my mind set on stealing, I would bring a big purse and throw the package and all in my bag.

So whether you steal or buy, you'll get stuck trying to pry open a plastic clamshell to enjoy the treasured pearl inside. Maybe a tool will be created to aide in opening small electronics, portable CD players and video game controllers. But how would you package a de-packaging tool?



Atlanta
09/16/04
Josh Todd-Roxy
Tesla-Roxy
The Muffs-Cotton Club
Visqueen-Cotton Club
Ollabelle-Echo Lounge
Halcyon's Way-Eleven 50
Agynst-Georgia Tech
Sleeping At Last-Smith's
Olde Bar
They Sang As They Slew -
The EARL
Jerry Jeff Walker-Variety
Playhouse
09/17/04
Jag Star-10 High
Agent 99-Andrews Upstairs
Tony Bennett-Chastain Park
Daedalus-Echo Lounge
Laidlaw-Philips Arena
Van Halen-Philips Arena
Gurufish-Smith's Olde Bar
Blockhead-The EARL
Cattle Decapitation-
Masquerade
09/18/04
The Doors Of The 21st
Century-Chastain Park
"T.J. Maxx Tour Of
Gymnastics Champions"-
Philips Arena
Farmer Jason-Redlight Cafe
Full Blackout-Smith's Olde
Bar
Taylor & The Puffs-The
EARL
The Tom Collins-The EARL
09/19/04
Goodnight City-Park Tavern
Easy Pickins-Smith's Olde
Bar
Ani DiFranco-Tabernacle
Drexlers-The EARL
"Harsh Reality Tour"-The
Masquerade
09/20/04
Fly Pan Am-The EARL
Mono (Japan)-The EARL
09/21/04

Horoscopes

ARIES:(March 21-April 20)

Turmoil seems to be everywhere this week. Just remember that a great deal of criticism can be delivered effectively with a smile. It will make more sense to keep people on your side if you can channel your rage in a more direct way. Joy could be just as habit forming as pessimism is.

TAURUS:(April 21 - May 21)

You may have the opportunity to invest in a creative enterprise with unexpected money coming from a family member who is looking out for your best interests. If a relationship is starting to feel a little stagnant, try to find ways to increase vitality, or get out.

GEMINI:(May 22 - June 21)

It's time to take a lead from an ambitious acquaintance, and take your shot at fame and fortune. Your love life may be a bit rocky this week, so try to accentuate the positive. It's time to sew up any loose ends, leaving no stone unturned as you finish up.

CANCER:(June 22 - July 23)

Changes do not come easy, but those that may occur in your personal life will probably be more accepted than most. Quiet time with family will give you the opportunity to catch up with others' lives. When you put your mind to it, you can accomplish just what you want.

LEO:(July 24- August 23)

You seem to have a choice of paths to take. Make sure that you are not achieving success at the cost of others. Such ambition will no doubt reap rewards you may not wish for. It feels as if you are running around in circles; everything does not have to be done by the book.

VIRGO:(August 24 -September 23)

If you are getting too attached, you are only setting yourself up for disappointment. Live in the here and now. Tomorrow will take care of itself. Much of what you have been striving for is within your grasp, but you may

get feedback from others.

SCORPIO:(October 24 - November 22)

During the week your physical energy will abound. Use this new found energy well and include others in the activities, possibly children. Tie up any loose ends and expect something in the workplace to come to a head. You have a lot to share with those around you.

SAGITTARIUS:(November 23 - December 21)

There is someone close to you in desperate need of financial help. Look around you closely; this individual may not be obvious. Feelings of passion will follow you during the week. Direct this fiery energy in a positive way. It is a good time to express yourself romantically.

CAPRICORN:(December 22 - January 20)

Try to maintain your sunny spirit in the face of seemingly depressing circumstances. Do what you can and try to stop worrying. You can do much to change the situations you find yourself in. Do your best to act fairly, for money matters are coming to a head.

AQUARIUS:January 21 - February 19)

An existing relationship will flourish if you trust the other person completely. There is a real possibility for a new and intense love. Your spark of enthusiasm brings out the best in those around you. This opportunity could pave the way to more responsibility.

PISCES:(February 20 -March 20)

You are doing well in your career choice, but know you could be doing better if given the chance. That opportunity for advancement is right around the corner. Be sure you can make good on your promises. There is an introspective friend who needs your emotional support this week.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are wearing

Beating Around the Bush

by Bryan Stone



Chicken-Head Joe

by Corey McDaniel



09/20/04
Fly Pan Am-The EARL
Mono (Japan)-The EARL
09/21/04
The Von Bondies / Auf Der
Maur-Cotton Club
09/22/04
Soufly-Roxy
Drexlers-Smith's Olde Bar

Birmingham
09/16/04
Three Mo' Tenors-Alabama
Theatre
Troubled Hubble-Cave 9
Avery Ellis Exhibit-The
Nick
Umphrey's McGee-
Workplay Theatre
09/17/04
88 Faces-The Nick
09/18/04
The Billy Nayer Show-The
Nick
09/19/04
Frankie Velvet & the
Veltones -The Nick
09/20/04
Dan Bern-The Nick
Taylor Hollingsworth-The
Nick
09/21/04
Paul "Wine" Jones-The
Nick
09/22/04
Bain Mattox
The Nick
Billy Joe Shaver-Workplay
Theatre
Karl Denson's Tiny
Universe-Zydeco

Jacksonville
09/17/04
Eric Lindell-Brother's Bar

Gadsden
09/17/04
Adelayda-Chestnut Station
09/18/04
Full Moon Circus-Chestnut
Station

here and now. Tomorrow will
take care of itself. Much of what
you have been striving for is
within your grasp, but you may
have to count on others to help
you reach that goal.
LIBRA:(September 24 -
October 23)
Change is in the air. Allow old
habits and emotions to be swept
away and you'll be surprised
how fast new and exciting situa-
tions will materialize. Chances
are that you've been trying to
work at things alone, stop and

this week.

**IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR
BIRTHDAY:** You are wearing
your feelings on your sleeve,
and it's time you realize that you
may not be as tough as you
think. Withdrawing emotionally
may help you figure out just
where you are and where you
belong. Romantic endeavors
may prove more trouble than
they are worth right now.

College Concoctions

Barbecued chicken

Microwave-safe shallow baking dish
2 pieces uncooked chicken, skin removed
1/2 cup bottled barbecue sauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar

Mix barbecue sauce and brown sugar together and after washing
chicken and patting it dry, soak the chicken on both sides with the
barbecue sauce. Place in dish with meaty part towards outer edges.
Place plastic wrap on top and seal tightly. Cook on HIGH for 20
minutes.

Microwave Quesadilla

Preparation time: 5 mins
Cooking time: 2 mins

Ingredients

1 (8-in.) flour tortilla
2 slices of cheese
1/2 cup Salsa

Directions

Place tortilla on microwavable plate.
Place cheese on half of tortilla.
Fold tortilla in half to cover the cheese.
Microwave on HIGH 25 to 40 seconds or until cheese begins to
melt.
Let stand, covered, 1 minute or until cool enough to eat.
Fold in half again.
Serve with salsa.

Top of Stove:

Place tortilla in medium skillet on medium heat.
Place cheese on half of tortilla.
Fold tortilla in half to cover cheese.
Heat 1 minute on each side.
Serve with salsa.

Variations: Bacon Quesadilla: Top cheese with 1 tablespoon each
Bacon Bits and chopped onion.

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From Staff Reports

"This is an exciting week for me, because of some of things we have done in the past four years is starting to tie into a long term value. I think starting to play Chattanooga again ties into a long time value. We are starting to lay the groundwork for something special against Chattanooga, specifically because of tradition.

No program in any sport has value to its fans and players unless there is something special about them. Since we have stopped playing Troy and are starting to get it back with Samford, this has the beginning of something that will start to be more important. I've always had a great deal of respect for Chattanooga and Rodney Allison. Chattanooga is a place where I've had aspirations of coaching at myself over the years.

It took Pat Dye three hours while I was at Auburn to talk me out of applying for the Chattanooga job. I still wonder if I shouldn't have to be honest with you. I have a personal respect. The fact that the national championship is played at Chattanooga makes it a little sentimental to play there. It's an important game to me and I

hope the fans see some excitement.

Having viewed their Memphis game, I have been impressed with how hard they played, despite being down early. I think they are a program on the rise, but I hope they wait till next week to get a whole lot higher. Rodney has found himself his Damien Craig type quarterback, which is what he's looking for offensively, if I know him, in Cedric Stevens.

He can run. He can be a tailback. He's 6'4, 235 pounds. He's no arm tackle and he has a shotgun for an arm. He is very poised and animated in the way he runs his team. In the game against Memphis, the running back wasn't involved a lot. It was the quarterback and three very talented receivers.

Two of them I had not seen before. Everyone knows Alonzo Nix. He is an All-American wide receiver. They're two receivers that came into this ballgame. Michael Gilmore and (Tyrus) Ward, a transfer from East Tennessee State. Those three guys make it difficult for us to double cover. We are going to find out real quick if their offense is very capable. They scored 21 points and are a very good offensive team. I think they are learning as they go.

Defensively, I think they were adjusting to some personnel issues. They have lost some players, even since summer, and had some injuries. They went from a four man to a three-man front in this ball game either because of Memphis or some personnel requirements to get their best players on the field.

They are very much a blitzing; give you a bad play football team. To do that, you have to be real good in the secondary. The guy that impressed me the most was Greg McConico, their free safety. He has great speed and to be like that you have to have a great cover guy behind him. My first thought was he was from Greenville, Alabama, what were we looking at.

I don't think we ever looked at him and why we weren't, I don't know. How could we miss him? He's a transfer from North Alabama and came with the defensive coordinator when he left. Even though they have seemed to juggle their cornerbacks around, they played really well against Memphis.

Up front they are going through some changes with young players. They are a Joe Lee (Dunn) type defense, which I guess is a Chattanooga tradition. They are coming from everywhere.

They have the intent to give you

a loss yardage play and keeping you off schedule. After last week, this is hitting us right where it hurts, because that was our Achilles heel on first and second down. It's the kind of defense we need to be finding the medicine for, before it causes us some pain.

The best thing we can do is stay on the field offensively. These guys are playmakers with the quarterback and all. I suspect they really have a running game, it's just the game got out of hand and they got out of it.

I wouldn't take their running stats to think they don't have a running game. One period, late in the game, they sustained a 20-play drive with a nice mix of the run and pass. They have the ability to run the ball.

I expect us to be well and play better than we did last game. I expect this to be a hard fought fourth quarter football game. I'm hoping that the kicking game will be to our advantage. They had a kick returned in the game and they will challenge us to cover. They have a lot of fast people that it will be hard for us to return on them. We are going to challenge ourselves to take care of that part of the game."

Will the Gamecocks join Auburn?

From AP

Auburn University this afternoon announced the cancellation of all classes scheduled for Wednesday through

is in their best interest to err on the side of caution."

AU officials anticipate classes will resume on Monday, Sept. 20, but students should check the AU web site at

p.m. on Wednesday. Should the Coliseum reach its capacity, shelters will be opened at the Student Activities Building and, if needed, at Haley Center.

Persons living in

Conference Commissioner's office and representatives of LSU.

The status of the game will be re-evaluated as Hurricane Ivan's path and



cancellation of all classes scheduled for Wednesday through Friday due to the potential for severe weather associated with Hurricane Ivan.

All Auburn University faculty and staff should report to work on Wednesday. Only designated personnel should report on Thursday and Friday.

Auburn University Interim President Ed Richardson said the decision to cancel classes for the remainder of the week was made after consultation Tuesday afternoon with weather and emergency management officials.

"The safety of our students is our number one priority," Richardson said. "We feel it

20, but students should check the AU web site at www.auburn.edu and monitor state media for further developments.

In addition, The Auburn University Board of Trustees meeting, scheduled for Friday, and all associated board committee meetings, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, have been postponed. Richardson said he hopes to reschedule the Board meeting for some time within the next 10 days.

Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum, staffed by the local affiliate of the American Red Cross, will open as a shelter for students, faculty, staff and the community at 5

if needed, at Haley Center.

Persons living in mobile homes are strongly urged to take precautions in securing their belongings and to seek shelter in one of these facilities if the severe weather associated with the hurricane affects the area.

AU also is continuing to weigh weather and emergency management information with regard to the status of Saturday's football game with LSU. At this time, there has been no change in the date, starting time or location of the game and any such decisions will be made only following consultation with these agencies, the Southeastern

will be re-evaluated as Hurricane Ivan's path and strength become more clear. Richardson said a decision on the football game could come as late as Friday morning. Football fans are urged to check the Auburn Gameday Web site at www.auburn.edu/gameday for further developments.

However, because of the potential for damaging winds and flooding, no RVs will be permitted to park anywhere on campus until further notice. AU officials encourage all those who plan to travel to Auburn for the game to do so only after the university announces a final decision on whether the game will be played.

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Warm thoughts and the power of prayer

By
Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Words cannot describe how I feel for the people who have suffered in Grenada, St. Vincent, Tobago, Jamaica, The Caymans, and Cuba.

The Chanticleer sports department will have you in our thoughts and our prayers are with you all.

As the coast of Alabama braces for the biggest hurricane since Opal in 1995, our hope is that everyone can consider the families that have lost already and the lives the storm will continue to effect.

The storm has gained strength the last few days. The advisory report states:

"Maximum sustained winds are near 140 mph. with higher gusts. Ivan remains an extremely dangerous category four hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson hurricane scale. Fluctuations in intensity are common in major hurricanes and are possible over the next 24 hours.

Ivan is expected to make landfall as a major hurricane...at least Category three.

Since Ivan is so large and intense...it has the potential to carry strong and damaging winds well inland along its path. Note that the official

Gamecocks travel to take on UT Mocs

JSU hopes to reverse series as Mocs have won 24 of 29 and the last 7 of 8

By **Amado Ortiz**
The Chanticleer News Editor

Mock. Yeah! Bird! Yeah! Mock-ing-bird, oh tell me have you heard. Okay well that is not the same bird but that is what Chanticleer Sports thought when JSU travels to Finley Stadium to take on the Mocs of University of Tennessee at Chattanooga this Saturday at 5pm.

Who would name their school the mockingbirds? Well come to find out, their mascot is a Moc and not a Moccasin. Moc probably sounds a little more masculine than moccasin but it doesn't matter because you can't spell Moc without Gamecock so bottom line is buckle your chin strap, or your beak or whatever kind of protection you wear because the defending OVC Champs are coming to town.

This game in all likelihood should be another tune-up game for the Gamecocks before they begin OVC play next week in at Eastern Kentucky.

The Gamecocks are coming off a victory over Emporia State 25-16 and had an off week to twork and tweak some things. Maurice Mullins should be back for the game after going down in the first half with a knee bruise against Emporia St.

On the other hand the Mocs are coming in with a loss at the hands of the Memphis Tigers 52-21. The Mocs are looking to get off to a faster start this year after dropping their first six consecutive games last year. Here's the lowdown on what you can expect Saturday.

THE GOOD

The Gamecocks are coming in with a lot of confidence and are riding a seven game regular season win streak. The Mocs are still in rebuilding mood under second year head coach Rodney Allison after going 3-9 last year. Making the good list his week will be that this game is the closest away game all year so JSU should travel to this game pretty well.

The Gamecocks are going to be to strong in this game and they have more depth across the board and although Coach Allison has one of the top rated recruited classes in school history, the program is still rebuilding.

THE BAD

The bad is simple. There is a reason they play the games and no team, absolutely no team likes playing on the road. It would be a long 114 miles back to Jacksonville if the Mocs happen to pull out an upset. The Mocs are going to look for the upset on the strength of their

passing game after gaining 265 yards through the air last week against Memphis.

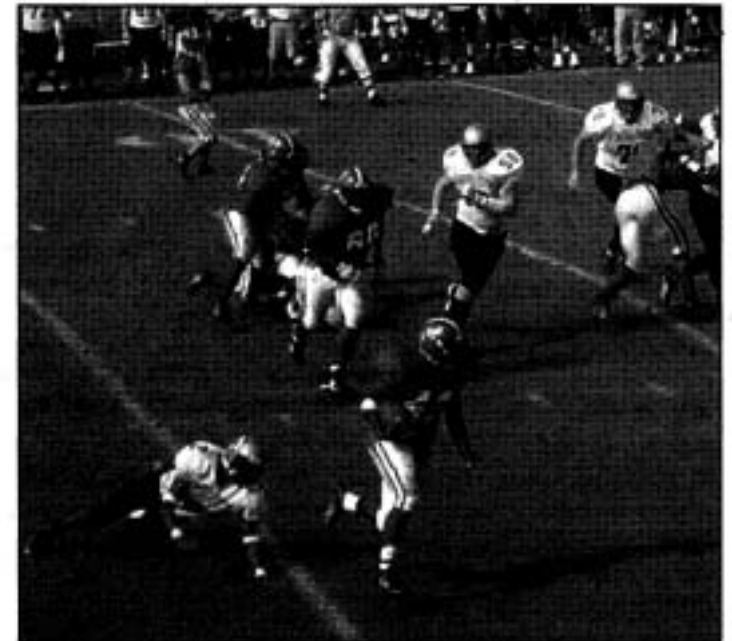
That should be enough to keep the Gamecocks concentrated on this game and not look ahead after Emporia St quarterback Tad Hatfield opened up some holes in the Gamecock secondary in week one.

All three of the Mocs touchdowns last week came through the air. Quarterback Cedric Stevens will look for second team All American Alonzo Nix and freshmen Tyrus Ward who exploded last week for 107 yards on four catches. So look for the Mocs to test the Gamecock secondary early.

Yes they have won 24 of the last 29 but the last time they played was 1983. Do you remember the thought that alot of the players haven't even been born yet.

THE COCKY

The Mocs haven't made to the postseason play since 1984. Meaning a lot of the top-rated Moc recruiting class hadn't even been born yet. Not to bring the issue up again but JSU has made the playoffs since 1984, matter of fact they are the defending OVC Champs so Chanticleer sports is calling a 35-21 victory even if Maurice Mullins doesn't play.



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The legs of Oscar Bonds (top) and LeMarcus Rowell (bottom) will have to be in overdrive this weekend for the Gamecocks to beat Mocs



The Chanticleer/Amado Ortiz

Terrell and West lead volleyball team

carry strong and damaging winds well inland along its path. Note that the official forecast indicates that the system will still be at hurricane strength 12 hours after landfall"

12 hours inland. I don't know about you but I can get to Mobile in about six hours so I know I fall into that category. Last week I wrote that if at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you. Well I am not so sure I want to go toe to toe with Mr. Ivan.

What is a college student to do? A lot of us do not realize the seriousness because a lot of us only go to the coast for vacation, let alone live there. It makes you want to stop and maybe smell the roses a little bit.

Evaluate what is important to you and what is your number one priority in life. It is times like these that the goodness in people comes out and people get the desire to serve others.

You are made strong by what you overcome was once said and there will be someone or something that comes along that might be better than you but don't let them get the best of you has also been mentioned a time or two.

My prayer this week will be that strength be given to all the families that have lost and the ones that will lose. That the pain that the Gulf Coast will endure will safely go away and people will have a humble heart during this time; even if a silly football game isn't played.

People from Florida go through this turmoil every year and Alabama rarely gets hit but one thing that everyone must do is stop and think; Ivan has claimed 68 lives on the island of Cuba what if you did not survive Hurricane Ivan.



The Chanticleer/Amado Ortiz

Kisha West was named OVC Defensive player of the week.

Cross Country team places fifth in Memphis meet

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State's men's cross country team finished fifth at the Memphis Twilight Invitation.

The Gamecocks were led by junior Josphat Waweru who finished in fifth place with a time of 19:51:07. Freshman Ryan McKay placed 12th, ten seconds behind Waweru.

Freshman Stephen Calvert, sophomore Jason Butler, junior Robert Stevenson rounded out the top five finishers for the Gamecocks.

Calvert finished 40th, Butler 42nd and Stevenson 53rd.

Jax State's next meet is Friday, September 17th at the Crimson Classic in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Jacksonville State's Yibeltal Arega was named Ohio Valley



Conference Athlete of the Week.

Arega finished first at the Sewanee Invitation. He and teammate Wade Martin came from behind to pass the leader and take first and second.

"I think we had a good race as a team," said Arega. "We all did well with it being the first week."

The win marked Arega's first of his career at Jax State.

"To be OVC Athlete of the Week, I am very honored," Arega said. "I am really happy."

From Staff Reports

Jacksonville State (5-2) swept both games on Saturday to finish undefeated to win the Butler Invitational as junior Suzi Terrell earned Most Valuable Player honors and Shari Weyer and libero Keisha West were each named to the All-Tournament team.

The Gamecocks rallied to overcome a two games to one deficit to defeat Butler in the first game on Saturday, winning 3-2 by the scores of 30-25, 26-30, 22-30; 30-16, 15-13 loss.

Jax State recorded 92 digs and 74 kills in the marathon match, which lasted two hours and 15 minutes.

Terrell finished with 24 kills and West posted 26 digs in the win. The Gamecocks trailed 7-1 and 9-4 in the deciding game before rallying for the 15-13 win.

"Quite honestly, all three

teams that we beat in the tournament were really, really strong teams," said JSU head coach Rick Nold.

"I thought we came out and just battled each game and played aggressively all weekend."

Jax State won the final game 3-1 by the scores of 32-30, 26-30, 30-24, 30-12 and finished a perfect 3-0.

The Gamecocks recorded 79 digs and 71 kills in the finale to win their first tournament of the season.

West led the team with 28 digs, while Withers finished with 41 assists and 16 digs. Terrell finished with a match-best 19 kills, followed by Weyer with 16 and Abbey Breit added 10.

"One of the things I'm most pleased with is that we are a very young team and we stayed mentally tough all weekend,"



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Suzi Terrell and Abbey Breit led way for JSU

Soccer team splits Georgia St tourney, gets ready to host Mississippi St Friday night

From Staff Reports

The Jacksonville State women's soccer team defeated Western Carolina in the opening game of the Georgia State/Marriott Invitational 3-2 in overtime.

WCU scored first at the 10:05 mark on a shot by Stephanie Svoboda. JSU answered with two goals of its own.

The first came on kick by junior Joanna McCaughey at 27:41. Sophomore Dausha Hudack assisted on the McCaughey header.

The second JSU goal came over 11 minutes later when freshman Kate Stipech assisted on a goal by sophomore Aiko Ewing.

The Catamounts tied the game up at two goals when Brittany Bennefield scored at the 84:32 mark to send the game to overtime.

Under seven minutes into overtime, JSU scored on another Stipech assisted goal, as she fed sophomore Christina Balint for the game winner.

JSU women's soccer team was defeated took a loss in its second game of the GSU Marriott Invitational, falling to East Tennessee State in double overtime 4-3.

The Gamecocks tied the game at one all at the 20:52 mark on a goal by freshman Courtney Moore, answering the Bucs unassisted goal by Kerri Burke.

Each team would add another goal before the end of

added Nold. "Each match is different and with this team going 3-0 in the tournament, that should pay dividends when we start our conference play."

Kisha West was named the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Week. West helped anchor the Game West, a junior from New Castle, Ind., was named to the All-Tournament Team.

She averaged 5.38 digs per game and had a weekend-high 28 digs against Western Illinois

JSU will travel to Ole Miss this Friday and Saturday.

the half with Jax State's Breanne Milne and ETSU's Erin Ashton taking their teams into a 2-2 tie at the intermission.

In the second half, the Bucs' Emily Fulcher gave ETSU the lead at the 63:46 mark. ETSU would keep the lead until the Gamecocks Joanna McCaughey would score to make it 3-3 with little over a minute remaining in regulation.

The Bucs' Keri Dusch would give ETSU the win in double overtime, dropping JSU to 3-3 on the season.

The Gamecocks will host the Mississippi State Bulldogs at home beginning at 7 and travel to take on the Alabama Crimson Tide on Sunday. Game-time is set for 1.